

BOYD ANNOUNCES STIMULUS FUNDS FOR ST. MARKS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Congressman Allen Boyd (D-North Florida) announced today that the Department of Interior will provide St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge with \$928,000 for infrastructure repair and replacement. These funds were included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which was recently signed into law with Congressman Boyd's support.

"This critical investment into our National Wildlife Refuges will upgrade facilities, enhance wildlife conservation, and put Americans back to work," said Congressman Boyd. "I am pleased that St. Marks will receive stimulus funds to improve its infrastructure and continue its important work of preserving Florida's fragile ecosystem."

The stimulus funds allocated to St. Marks will be used for the following projects:

- \$775,000 to replace an Environmental Education building with laboratories and a classroom
- \$117,000 to replace a deteriorated salt water boat ramp
- \$30,000 to replace an unsound boardwalk and floating platform
- \$6,000 to repair a weathered boat dock

This investment was part of a \$280 million investment in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to improve facilities and promote conservation at Wildlife Refuges and Hatcheries across the nation.